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SUBJECT: PRIMIN WILLIAMS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1040

1. DURING CONVERSATION TODAY (REFTEL) PM WILLIAMS INFORMED ME THAT HE WILL BE TRAVELING IN PRIVATE CAPACITY IN UNITED STATES FROM MAY 12 THROUGH 21. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TRIP WILL BE TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIAL MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BOARD OF UN UNIVERSITY, FOR WHICH DR. WILLIAMS' APPOINTMENT WAS ANNOUNCED MAY 6 BY UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM.

2. PM WILL FLY TO NEW YORK ON BWIA 420 SUNDAY, MAY 12 ARRIVING AT 4:10 P.M. AND REMAIN IN NEW YORK CITY PROBABLY UNTIL MAY 18. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER MAHABIR WILL ACCOMPANY PM TO NEW YORK AND PROCEED ONWARD TO WASHINGTON SEPARATELY FOR SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ON AVIATION MATTERS (SEPTTEL).

3. ON MAY 18 PM WILL BE JOINED BY DAUGHTER ERICA (NOW IN MINNESOTA) AND BOTH WILL FLY TOGETHER TO ORLANDO (WINTER PARK), FLORIDA, WHERE WILLIAMS WILL VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER UNTIL RETURNING TO TRINIDAD ON BWIA FROM MIAMI ON TUESDAY, CONFIDENTIAL

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MAY 21.

4. ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW YORK VISIT ARE BEING COORDINATED THROUGH GOTT PERMANENT MISSION TO UN (AMBASSADOR SEIGNORET) AND WILLIAMS CAUTIONED ME THAT HE HAS NOT YET INFORMED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HERE OF TRIP.

5. PM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE SECURITY MAN. RECOMMEND DEPT COORDINATE WITH GOTT MISSION TO UN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EXPRESSIONS OF WARM RESPECT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER (REFTEL), DR. WILLIAMS INDICATED HE WOULD BE EXTREMELY PLEASE IF ANY OPPORTUNITY AROSE FOR HIM TO TALK TO DR. KISSENGER WHILE IN NEW YORK. HE EXPRESSED THIS ONLY IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY MIGHT BE IN NEW YORK SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF MAY 13. WILLIAMS SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT ANY VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE TO TRAVEL THERE WOULD CHANGE PRIVATE CHARACTER OF VISIT AND TEND TO HAVE IT VIEWED HERE AS AT LEAST PARTLY OFFICIAL VISIT TO USG. I OF COURSE EXPRESSED NO COMMITMENTS RE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.

7. COMMENT: THIS WILL BE FIRST TIME DR. WILLIAMS HAS VENTURED ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SINCE BEFORE 1970 EMERGENCY. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEREFORE, IT IS SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF HIS RENEWED ASSURANCE THAT T&T IS ON STABLE COURSE AND THAT HE HIMSELF CAN BEGIN TO CARRY ON MORE OPEN AND VARIED SCHEDULE.

8. IF SECRETARY IS IN NEW YORK AREA NEXT WEEK BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY FRUITFUL IF ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH DR. WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS VIEWS HIMSELF AS SENIOR SCHOLAR-STATESMAN OF CARIBBEAN AND HIS HIGH RESPECT FOR DR. KISSENGER'S OWN SCHOLARSHIP AND HARD-WORKING REORIENTATION OF US FOREIGN POLICY HAS UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTED HIS RECENT WARMER VIEW OF USG.

9. ALTHOUGH PM IS THUS ONLY READY TO VENTURE ABROAD ONCE MORE, WE SHOULD NOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY THAT DISGRUNTLED ELEMENTS IN LARGE TRINIDADIAN POPULATION IN NEW YORK AREA OR SIMPLY RADICALS ATTEMPTING TO DRAMATIZE PENDING EXECUTION HERE
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OF MICHAEL X (ABDUL MALIK) COULD ATTEMPT CAPITALIZE ON PM'S PRESENCE IN US TO ATTACK OR HARASS HIM. THEREFORE, I URGE POSITIVE COORDINATION ON SECURITY ASPECTS, WHILE BEING CAREFUL NOT TO INSIST ON MEASURES WHICH WILLIAMS HIMSELF MAY FIND UNSUITABLE.
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